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E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: MORG SA US
SUBJECT: SAUDI NAVAL CADETS IN US

REF: (A) STATE 179450, (B) JIDDA RYWRM (C) STATE 160261

1. IN A MEETING WITH FONMIN PRINCE SAUD AUGUST 3, AMBASSADOR DREW ON POINTS IN REF A TO BRIEF SAUD ON STATUS OF RAMADHAN AND OTHER SAUDI NAVAL CADETS INCLUDING POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION OPEN TO THE SAG. AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THE SENSITIVITY OF THE RAMADHAN CASE AND SAID THAT THE SAG RISKED AFVERSE PUBLICITY IF IT WERE PURSUED IN THE COURTS.
2. SAUD SAID IT WAS NOT RPT NOT A QUESTION OF RAMADHAN'S CONVERSION TO CHRISTIANITY BUT RATHER HIS STATUS AS A DESERTER WHICH CONCERNED THE SAG. AS A DESERTER HE SHOULD BE RETURNED TO SAUDI ARABIA TO FACE TRIAL.
3. BOTH AMBASSADOR AND FONMIN AGREED THAT PROMPTER NOTIFICATION OF DESERTIONS WOULD BE DESIRABLE IN THE FUTURE, AND AMBASSADOR TOLD SAUD THAT AMBASSADOR ALI REZA HAD CALLED ON THE CNO ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY TO DISCUSS PROMPTER NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES.
4. SAUD SAID HE WOULD ASK THE FONMIN LEGAL DEPARTMENT

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TO LOOK INTO ALL ASPECTS OF THE CASE AND THEN DETERMINE
IF SAG SHOULD TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION.
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